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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116
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S/N 10/809,962

PATENT**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant:	ALFERNES ET AL.	Examiner:	S. GILBERT
Serial No.:	10/809,962	Group Art Unit:	3736
Filed:	MARCH 26, 2004	Docket No.:	11998.5USC8
Title:	CARDIAC SUPPORT DEVICE WITH DIFFERENTIAL EXPANSION (AS AMENDED)		

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

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PATENT TRADEMARK OFFICE

Dear Sir:

In response to the final Office Action mailed July 14, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows for the purpose of placing this application in condition for allowance:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper. While reserving all rights to file future continuation applications with the canceled claims, claims 29-30 are canceled. Claim 18 is amended to only add a "whereby" clause to clarify the consequences of previously claimed structure.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.

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